Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following:

-- Figure 2 shows a sequence of a primer SPR-1a31 (SEQ ID NO: 2). Part of sequence of PR1a gene in the periphery of 3' end of signal sequence = SEQ ID NOS: 10 and 11. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, with the following:

-- Figure 3 shows a sequence of a primer TPR-1a51 (SEQ ID NO: 15). Part of sarcotoxin gene region encoding C-terminal of mature peptide = SEQ ID NOS: 12 and 13. Part of sequence of PR1a gene region encoding C-terminal of mature protein = SEQ ID NO: 4. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16, with the following:

-- Figure 4 shows ~~sequences of primers MSARCO51 and MSARCO31, respectively~~ a sequence of primer MSARCO51 (SEQ ID NO: 8). Part of sequence of PR1a gene border between signal sequence and region encoding mature protein = SEQ ID NOS: 10 and 11. Part of sarcotoxin gene region encoding N-terminal of mature peptide = SEQ ID NOS: 16 and 17. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 19, with the following:

-- Figure 5 shows a sequence of a primer MSARCO31 (SEQ ID NO: 8). Part of sarcotoxin gene region encoding C-terminal of mature peptide = SEQ ID NOS: 19 and 13. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 10, with the following:

-- The P+S PR-1a fragment obtained in the above process (1), the HMPR-1a fragment obtained in the above process (3), and the MSARCO-TPR-1a fragment obtained in the above process (5) were cloned into plasmids pUC18, respectively. Each of the plasmids was named

pUC P+S PR-1a, pUC H MPR-1a, and pUC MSARCO-TPR-1a (see Figure 6). It was confirmed by using a sequencing kit and a sequence analyzing apparatus (Applied Biosystem) that sequences of interest were correctly inserted into these plasmids. DNA which was cloned into the plasmid pUC18 and in which a sequence was confirmed to be correct was used as a material for gene recombination. ~~SEQ ID NO. 7~~ SEQ ID NO: 9 shows the sequence of a terminator portion of PR-1a which has been sequenced. --